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Cuba's new cabinet

Editorial in center-right O Estado de S. Paulo (3-4) states:
"....Fidel's brother, 77 years old Raul Castro, leaves clear his intention of being surrounded by people of his strict confidence in order to consolidate his hegemony - without waiting for the commander [Fidel Castro] to pass away. Military nominations lead one to think that Raul, Cuba's Defense Minister for decades, wants to have members of the institution he knows best and controls - the Armed Forces - close to him. What for? Only time will tell...."

Obama listens to lobbies

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"President Barack Obama may be able complicate the conclusion of global trade negotiations - the Doha Round - and also block the liberalization of international trade. These are the most important signs of the first manifestation of his administration's foreign trade policy. The United States Trade Representative Office (USTR) annual report, the first one produced by the Obama administration, justifies the fears of a more protectionist U.S. policy and a more sensible one to lobbies that defend subsidies and barriers....The inclusion of 'social and environmental' objectives in the Doha Round may seriously complicate negotiationsPresident Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva has at least one serious topic to talk to Obama this month in the United States".

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